

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

CITY OF LOWELL

In City Council

VOTE

Authorizing the City Manager on behalf of the City of Lowell, to loan the “Holbrook Bell” to St. Patrick’s Church. The bell is intended to be permanently displayed on church grounds as a monument in honor of Lowell’s “first” Irish laborers.

The City of Lowell wishes to loan to St. Patrick’s Church the historic “Holbrook Bell” (1841).

The bell originally hung in the steeple of the St. Patrick’s Church, but was later transferred to the city for use in a fire station.

The loan is to commemorate the arrival in 1822 of 30 Irish laborers who walked from Boston to the village of East Chelmsford, now Lowell.

These Irish laborers are credited with building the canals, factories, and boardinghouses that gave rise to Lowell as the birthplace of America’s industrial revolution.

Next year will mark the 200th anniversary of Lowell’s “first” Irish immigrants.

In honor of this anniversary, the City wishes to loan the “Holbrook Bell” to St. Patrick’s Church, so long as the bell is displayed on the ground of Lowell’s St. Patrick’s Church as a monument in honor of these “first” Irish laborers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT VOTED:

That the City Manager be and is hereby authorized in the name of the City of Lowell, to loan to St. Patrick’s Church the “Holbrook Bell” so long as the bell is displayed on the ground of St. Patrick’s Church in Lowell as a monument in honor of Lowell’s “first” Irish laborers.

Vote/manager